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after long conversations with Stalin recently, Malenkov resumed his sharp attacks in the Politburo against insufficient initiative in the conduct of Soviet foreign policy and urged that the Kremlin take a consistent active stand all along the line against American imperialism. The principles he advanced were laid down in a directive by the Politburo on Soviet foreign policy which must be considered authoritative. It concludes as follows:

"The idea that the preservation of peace is the concern of all progressive men remains a pillar in the foreign policy of the Soviet Union, as does the doctrine that it is possible during the present period in the historical development of mankind for two systems, socialist and capitalist, to exist side by side, even if the latter is doomed. The emphasis Soviet policy places on the maintenance and actual preservation of peace gives the leadership of Soviet foreign policy a great opportunity to reveal the leading Anglo-American groups as the organizers of systematic preparations for a new imperialistic war to destroy progressive ideas and institutions, not only in the Soviet Union and the countries of the People's Democracies, but throughout the world. Emphasis must also be placed in all forthcoming official statements by the Soviet Union on her desire for friendly and loyal cooperation with all countries, provided they observe the principle of reciprocity and stick to their obligations. On the other hand the obvious unfriendliness and disloyalty, on the part of the imperialistic states, their failure to observe international obligations assumed, and the intensifying of economic, national, social and military conflict must be systematically noted and revealed, both in official speeches by representatives of the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies and through the unofficial channels of propaganda and agitation. Special emphasis must be given to the following:

1. The systematic attempts of the Anglo-American imperialists to use the UNO for their dark plans and objectives.

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2. Efforts by the imperialist powers, particularly the USA, to sabotage the proposals of the Soviet Union on the peace pact.
3. The refusal of the imperialists to disarm and outlaw atomic weapons.
4. The systematic violation of the provisions and democratic principles of the UNC by the imperialist powers.
5. The undermining by the imperialist countries, particularly the USA, of the principles of independence and national sovereignty in other countries, especially those which have ceased being colonial or semi-colonial objects of capitalist exploitation.
6. The program of the military enslavement of Western Europe and Asia, which is directed by prominent groups in the USA, with the support of international reactionary forces.
7. The aggressive organization which the imperialists have established, or are going to establish, through the Atlantic Pact and the Pacific Pact, under which Western Germany and Japan become anti-Soviet arsenals for the imperialist countries.
8. The attempts by the imperialist countries, particularly the USA, to create dissension in the international Communist movement, the militant vanguard of the progressive forces of mankind.

"It is necessary that the prominent groups in the USA which strive for world domination be unmasked and identified in all official speeches by representatives of the Soviet Government and through all channels of Communist propaganda and that the policy of economic and military enslavement of nations be confronted with the policy of the Soviet Union, which is based on respect for the sovereignty and independence of all countries and nations in the world. At the same time the Soviet Union and the countries of the People's Democracies must not be content with a passive defense of the policy of peace and of true democracy, but must undertake an active fight for those principles."

In Moscow, groups close to the party believe the last passage to be suggestive of preparations by the Soviet leadership for a massive offensive on all fronts, but they also feel that the Soviet Union may keep in the background as long as possible. The next task in furthering Communist expansion in the West is the creation of a "united, peace-loving democratic Germany," which is to be undertaken through a new wave of strikes and the intensification of social conflicts in the Marshall Plan countries. As for the Far East, the "national liberation movement" of colonial and semi-colonial peoples, coupled with active support of Communist China, is expected to deprive the imperialist countries of their "last positions and strongholds in the rear."

Speculation has recently been growing among leading Soviet politicians close to the Politburo that the right-wing groups

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in Germany and Japan show increasing anti-American tendencies and incline more and more to lean toward the Soviet Union to restore their "old glory" and military power. Moscow's diplomats are making ever-greater efforts to expand their connections, and there is no doubt that in Germany and Japan the Kremlin is trusting less in labor than in those elements which would provide first-class armed forces to support the Soviet bloc in the coming conflict with "Imperialist encirclement."

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